



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

Notice of Meeting

Date: Monday, January 29, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT, 4th Floor and remotely.*

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli and Morson. In attendance remotely were Co-Chair Boeger, and Committee Member Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas. Also present were Lucy Corelli and Monica Di Costanzo, Registrar of Voters; and Anthony Romano, OPM. Also present remotely were Reps. Adams, Sherwood, Stella, Strain, Summerville, and Walston; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief; Matthew Quinones, Director of Operations; Ron Malloy, Registrar of Voters; Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation Planner; William Brink, WPCA Director; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Elda Sinani, OPM Director; Thomas Turk, Traffic & Road Maintenance Supervisor; and Ben Barnes, Director of Administration.

Co-Chair Boeger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F31.307 \$199,074.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP0042; Master Plan; 10-year Comprehensive Plan, including an update to the Stamford Affordable Housing Plan and to Address Data Collection needs of the City's Community Development Department to update the Consolidated Plan and create the Equity Action Plan (Source of Funds: City Bonds). 12/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 12/12/23 – Approved by Planning Board 12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 01/02/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board	Approved 10-0-0

Mr. Blessing shared the attached [presentation](#) and then discussed Item No. 1 with the Committee. Items discussed included the following:

- The Master Plan attempts to respond to trends, such as population changes and will look at infrastructure needs
- There are currently infrastructure studies being conducted in the City; all of these will be included in the Comprehensive Plan
- A comprehensive plan typically includes infrastructure needs, such as sustainability and resiliency
- The consultants are aware that infrastructure would be a component, and would include sewage treatment and water needs
- The RFP committee included Ms. Godzeno, Mr. Blessing, Ms. Cohen, Mr. Quinones and Mr. Larson

- The amount requested should be all of the funding required; the total cost is expected to be \$450,000
- The Board of Representatives will be represented on the steering committee for the plans
- The additional funds are being requested now in order to be able to proceed with the contract before the next fiscal year
- The contract will include a requirement for infrastructure analysis

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

2. [F31.311](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by adding an Appropriation of \$199,074 for the Master Plans Project and Authorizing \$199,074 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation. **Approved 11-0-0**
 12/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 12/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
 01/02/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

3. [F31.321](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Registrar of Voters; Early Voting/Presidential Primary; Early Voting Implementation Costs (Source of Funds; 100% State Grant Funded). **Approved 10-0-1**
 \$10,500.00
 12/26/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor; Rep. Graham abstaining).

4. [F31.322](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into and Sign Agreements with the CT Secretary of State for the Early Voting Grant. **Approved 10-0-1**
 12/21/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor; Rep. Graham abstaining).

5. [F31.319](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 11-0-0**
 \$1,800,000.00 001389; Belltown Roadway; Roadway Safety and
 Infrastructure Upgrades to Burdick Street, Upland
 Road, and Belltown Road Including: New
 Sidewalks, New Drainage Structures, New
 Crosswalks, Traffic Calming Measures, and
 Upgraded Lighting. (Source of Funds: State
 Grants).
 01/03/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 01/09/24 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Battenwieser discussed Item No. 5 with the committee. Items discussed included the following:

- This grant is for roadway upgrades to Belltown Road, Upland Road and Burdick Street.
- In 2021 the Land Use Bureau initiated a study of Barrett Park; one of the primary concerns of the residents was the roadways surrounding the park, to the Transportation Bureau partnered with the Land Use Bureau to create a joint park and transportation study. They worked with the neighbors for over 2 years to develop roadway improvements in order to enhance access to the park.
- With the plan, they applied for state grants and were awarded a \$800,000 CT DOT Community Connectivity grant and \$1,000,000 from the Office of Policy and Management
- They are not anticipating any property impacts as a result of this work; this work is all in the roadway right of way
- A breakdown of the work will be provided when available

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

6. [F31.327](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 11-0-0**
 Enter Into and Sign Agreements with CT OPM for
 the Local Capital Improvement Program
 (\$1,000,000.00).
 12/28/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter

A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

7. [F31.328](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 11-0-0**
 Enter Into and Sign Agreements with CT
 Department of Transportation for a Community
 Connectivity Grant (\$800,000.00).
 12/28/23 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter

A motion to approve Item No. 7 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

8. [F31.325](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 11-0-0**
\$2,000,000.00 C56182; Street Patch and Resurfacing; Patch and resurface Stamford's roadway infrastructure using accepted engineering standards; includes milling, overlay, reconstruction, associated fixes to public streets and associated subsurface replacements for drainage system. (Source of Funds: Federal Grant ARP).
12/19/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/19/23 – Approved by Planning Board
01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Turk discussed Item No. 8 with the Committee. Items discussed included the following:

- This is funding for the paving program, so that the program can continue during the winter months
- Last year 49 roads were paved

A motion to approve Item No. 8 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

9. [F31.320](#) REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout **No Action Taken**
Recommendation; WPCA; CP5025 Aeration Blowers Upgrade - \$258,074.44 (WPCA Bonds) and \$480,000.00 Rebates; CP1455 Primary Sludge De-Gritting - \$1,200,000.00 WPCA Reserve; C71282 Vehicle Replacement & Repair - \$140,367.00 (WPCA Bonds).
12/13/23 – Submitted by Ben Barnes
12/19/23 – Approved by Planning Board
01/11/24 – Not Rejected by Board of Finance

Mr. Romano explained that CP5025 - Aeration Blowers Upgrade has been completed and the funding sources for the other projects, which were previously approved, are being changed. A motion to approve Item No. 9 was made, seconded, and then withdrawn with the approval of the Committee.

10. [F31.326](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 11-0-0**
\$140,367.00 C71282; Vehicle Replacement and Repair; WPCA; Replace aging vehicles and purchase of a new Vac/Jet Truck. (Source of Funds: WPCA Reserve Fund).
12/27/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/19/23 – Approved by Planning Board
01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. 10 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

11. [F31.318](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 11-0-0**
\$1,200,000.00 CP1455; WPCA; Primary Sludge De-Gritting System Replacement; Replacement of Primary Sludge Pumps, Sludge De-Gritting Equipment and Primary Clarifier Arm and Drive Replacement; Additional Request Due to Inclusion of Primary Clarifier Arm and Drive Unit Replacement and Inflation Costs (Source of Funds: WPCA Bond).
12/19/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/19/23 – Approved by Planning Board
01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. 11 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

12. [F31.324](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for **Approved 11-0-0**
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Water Pollution Control Project CP1455 Primary Sludge De-Gritting System
12/12/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. 12 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

13. [F31.284](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **Approved 11-0-0**
\$7,371,066.00 Budget); Fire Wage Retro Payout; Request to Appropriate Funds to Fund Fire Retro Wage Increase Obligations for FY18/19 – FY22/23 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance
12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. 13 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

14. [F31.288](#)
\$4,461,103.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Fire Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source of Funds: Contingency).
10/30/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/09/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance
12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
01/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0

No Action Taken

15. [F31.313](#)
\$540,606.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); MAA Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source of Funds: Contingency).
12/01/23 - Submitted by Ben Barnes
12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance
12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
01/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0

No Action Taken

16. [F31.314](#)
\$1,047,321.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Police Wage Retro Payout; Request to Appropriate Funds to Fund Police Retro Wage Increase Obligations for FY22/23 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source of Funds: Fund Balance).
12/01/23 - Submitted by Ben Barnes
12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance
12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
01/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Approved 9-0-2

A motion to approve Item No. 16 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Camporeale, Fedeli, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor; Reps. Boeger and Figueroa abstaining).

17. [F31.315](#)
\$2,203,914.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Police Wage Increase FY23/24; Request to Appropriate Funds per the Increased Obligations for FY23/24 per a Recent Contract Settlement (Source of Funds: Contingency).
12/01/23 - Submitted by Ben Barnes
12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance
12/27/23 – No Action Taken by Committee
01/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0

No Action Taken

18. [F31.323](#)
\$1,500,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Transfers from Salary (Fire, MAA, Police) line items to Contingency. [Replacing F31.312]
12/06/23 - Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance
01/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0

No Action Taken

Co-Chair Boeger adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).